



It is very important to consider Positive Adoption Language.

By using accurate language, we educate others about adoption.

Positive Language

Negative Language

Birth / Biological Parent	VS	<i>Real Parent / Natural Parent</i>
Birth Child	VS	<i>Real Child / Natural Child / Own Child</i>
My Child	VS	<i>Adopted Child / Own Child</i>
Parent	VS	<i>Adoptive Parent</i>
Make an Adoption Plan / Choose Adoption	VS	<i>Give away / Adopt out / Give up / Put up</i>
Child in Need of a Family	VS	<i>Adoptable Child / Unwanted child</i>
Finding a family to parent your child	VS	<i>Putting your child up for adoption</i>
Person / Individual who was Adopted	VS	<i>Adoptee</i>
Child who has special needs	VS	<i>Handicapped child / Hard to Place</i>
Was Adopted	VS	<i>Is Adopted</i>
Waiting Child	VS	<i>Adoptable / Available Child</i>
To Parent the Baby / Child	VS	<i>To Keep the baby</i>
Unplanned / Unintended Pregnancy	VS	<i>Unwanted/Problem Pregnancy</i>
Born to Unmarried Parents	VS	<i>Illegitimate</i>
Making Contact With	VS	<i>Reunion</i>
Search	VS	<i>Track Down Parents</i>
Court Termination	VS	<i>Child Taken Away</i>
International / Intercountry Adoption	VS	<i>Foreign Adoption</i>



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